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DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.377

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.377, filed April 9, 2010, to accept and record a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

In submitting maintenance fees and any necessary surcharges, identification of the patents for which maintenance fees are being paid must include a patent number and an application number. See 37 CFR 1.366(c).

A maintenance/surcharge fees intended for this patent were timely paid under 37 CFR 1.362(e). However, the payment was incorrectly applied by the Office.

Petitioner has provided evidence to support his assertion of timely payment of the 3½ year maintenance fee of \$490 and the surcharge fee of \$65 on November 2, 2009. Accordingly, the maintenance fee and surcharge will be accepted for the above patent.

The petition fee of \$200 submitted on May 17, 2010 has been refunded to petitioner's credit card.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Monica A. Graves at (571) 272-7253.

The patent file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

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